

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct informalities noted therein. None of the amendments is believed to add new matter to the application.

Claims 1-7, 11-19 and 22-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kinoshita et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,527,594) ("Kinoshita") in view of Hatada. Claim 20 and 21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 14 and 20 and to ensure definiteness of claim language. Claims 14 and 20 have been canceled. The limitation recited in claim 1 that the biaxially oriented film comprises "at least two layers" is supported, inter alia, by the disclosure located on page 25, lines 13-24, of the specification and claim 15.

Claims 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 31 and 32 have been amended for consistency with the amendments to claim 1 and with the cancellation of claims 14 and 20.

Claims 25 and 26 have also been canceled.

The amendments to the claims place the application in condition for allowance. Claim 1 as amended is equivalent to claim 20 rewritten in independent form and, therefore, is allowable. The

remaining claims depend directly or indirectly on claim 1 (as amended).

Removal of the rejection of the claims and a notice of allowability are believed to be in order and are respectfully solicited.

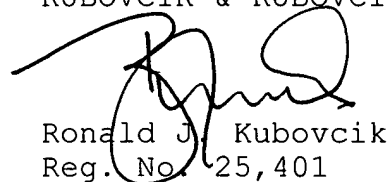
The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2005, and is believed to place this application in condition for allowance. If, however, minor issues remain that can be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

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